

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 16, and 18-39 are pending. Claims 21-26 stand rejected, and Applicant thanks the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-14, 16, 20, and 27-38. Applicant assumes that, while the Examiner inadvertently failed to include claim 39 in the pending claims listed in the Office Action, that claim 39 is also allowed as this claim depends from an allowable base claim.

Rejection Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, claim 18 recites "said tool," and there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation. Applicant therefore amends claim 18 to clarify that the aperture in the insert is configured to receive a tap. No new matter is added. Withdrawal and reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102

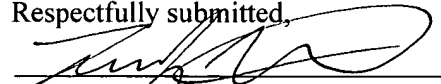
Claims 21-26 are rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. RE 36,020 of Moore. In an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application, and to place the present applicant in condition for allowance, Applicant cancels claims 21-26, thereby obviating the basis for the Examiner's rejection. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicant submits that claims 1-14, 16, 18-20, and 27-39 are in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the undersigned in the event that such communication might expedite prosecution of this matter.

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